

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 3-5. These sheets replace the original sheets. In Figure 3, element 41 was unintentionally mislabelled element 47. Element 47 has been changed to 41 to correspond to the specification. Additionally, the line from element 36 to the resilient membrane of the figure was of insufficient length. As a result, the line has been extended to designate the appropriate element. In Figures 4 and 5, inlet/outlet aperture 37 is missing a line at its tip. The missing line has been added in both figures.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2005. Claims 1, 3-11 and 14-23 remain in this application. Claims 2, 12, and 13 have been cancelled.

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that the two prior preliminary amendments were non-compliant and not entered. Claims 5-11 were objected to as being improper multiple dependent claims. Claims 1-4 and 12-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Haland (G.B. 2,355,434) in view of Johnson (U.S. Patent No. 5,111,735).

In the specification, the paragraphs [0039] and [0041] have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. New paragraphs [0000.5], [0000.75], [0001.5], [0008.5], [0020.5], [0028.5], [0051], and [0052] have been added to appropriately place the various section headings.

In amended Figure 3, the previously mislabeled element numeral 47 has been changed to element numeral 41 to correspond with the specification. Additionally, in amended Figure 3, the line from element 36 to the resilient membrane was of insufficient length. As a result, the line has been extended to designate the appropriate element. In amended Figures 4 and 5, inlet/outlet aperture 37 was missing a line at its tip. The missing line has been added in both figures. The appropriate line can be seen in original Figure 3.

Claims 5-11 have been amended in response to the Examiner's objections to correct improper multiple dependent claims. Claim 11 has also been amended to include a missing term.

In response to the Examiner's indefiniteness rejection, claim 1 has been further amended to recite "having a suspension" to give the claim the proper antecedent basis. Also in response to the rejection, claim 1 has been amended to delete the word "therebetween" and recite "between the valve member and the valve seat." As claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled and claim 1 has been amended, Applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 2 and 3 are directed to allowable subject matter. As such, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 and added independent claim 14 to include the allowable subject matter. Specifically, claim 1 is claim 2 written in independent form and incorporates the subject matter of allowable claim 2 and independent claim 1.

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Additionally, new claim 14 is claim 3 written in independent form and incorporates the subject matter of allowable claim 3 and independent claim 1. As such claims 1 and 14 are allowable and claims 3-11 and new claims 15-23 are also allowable as depending from allowable claims.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

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